

22 February 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversations on Turnover of IDEALIST to the
Air Force

1. Mr. Fox called the afternoon of 22 February to state
the following:

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25X1A9a A. He has talked to [REDACTED] recently.
Among other things it does not appear that Mr.
[REDACTED] is favorable to funding [REDACTED] in future
years. 25X9A5

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B. [REDACTED] reiterated that he thinks someone
ought to talk with the Air Force immediately.

C. There is a paper coming to us which
requires [REDACTED] input to the Air Force by 19 April.

D. [REDACTED] states that we should advise
the Air Force that the Air Force will be required
to pay the salaries of all uniformed personnel as
of 1 July. We would continue to pay for the
civilians after 30 June.

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E. [REDACTED] further stated that this would
include all military personnel. I stated that
regardless of the decision that there would be a
few military personnel not charged to IDEALIST
(there are 14, but this figure was not given to
Mr. Fox).

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25X1A9a 2. The above was communicated to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] indicated that it was his
25X1A9a recollection that at the OMB hearing at which [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] of OPPB were present, it was recognized that
IDEALIST would not be closed out prior to 1 July and an
informal conclusion was reached that the Agency would ask
for a release from the Reserve. The General also indicated
that he feels that his guidance from Mr. Duckett is that
nothing will be done toward transferring IDEALIST to the
Air Force until we get past the meeting with [REDACTED] The
General also tended to disagree with having the military pick
up salaries of uniformed personnel. In answer to the
General's question, I indicated that it would be premature to
go to the Reserve at this time. During the conversation
25X1A9a [REDACTED] both reiterated the point
made several times previously that there is simply no one at
this point in time to talk to in the Air Force.

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3. The above was communicated to [REDACTED] He continues to see no reason why we cannot go to the Air Force and cannot propose that the salaries for uniformed personnel be budgeted by the Air Force as of 1 July. He states that OPPB would go along with his thinking on this. [REDACTED] finally agreed that we would "float along for another month". He also noted that we could not go to the Reserve before June.

4. Based on the above, it is my understanding that no liaison will be conducted with the Air Force in regard to the turnover of the IDEALIST Program. However, [REDACTED] did agree and [REDACTED] was so advised that we would answer any inquiries on costs put to us by the Air Force.

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[REDACTED]

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